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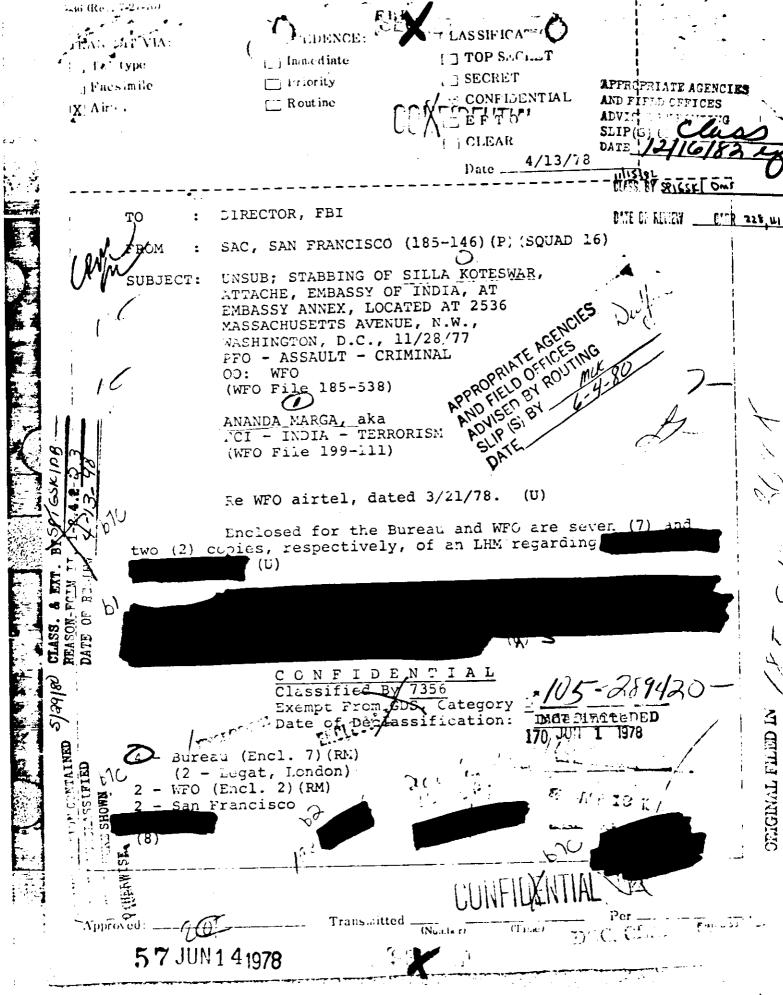
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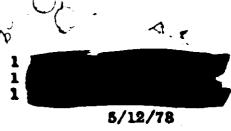
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The North American headquarters of the Anand Marg is in Denver, Colorado, therefore, Denver is being designated office of origin in this matter. Recent investigative activity by the FBI in connection with captioned organization and its membership has been conducted primarily under the Act for Protection of Foreign Officials and Official Guests of the U.S. and in Foreign Police Cooperation matters. Following is a summary of activities committed or claimed by the Anand Marg, its cover or splinter groups, or members. This summary is not intended to be all-inclusive.

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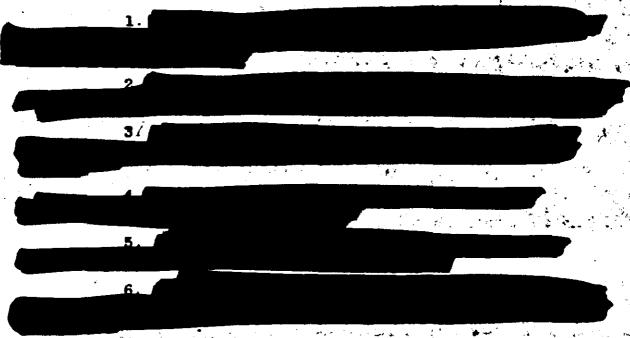
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- 2. On 11/11/77, an employee of the Air India office in Los Angeles, California was assaulted with a knife by an unidentified female.
- 3. On 11/25/77, Silla Koteswar, Attache, Embassy of India, Washington, D. C., was stabbed.

Activity Outside the U. S.



7. On 11/19/77, a flaming Molotov cocktail was thrown through the window of the Indian High Commission in Ottawa, Canada.

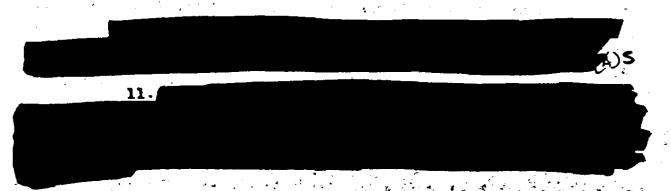


9. On 2/7/78, two U. S. citizens were arrested and charged with the stabbing of the personal secretary to the Charge of the Embassy of India, in Manila, Philippines.

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Receiving offices are to conduct a preliminary investigation of the captioned organization in accordance with the Attorney General's Guidelines for FBI Foreign Counterintelligence Investigations. This investigation should be directed to determine if the Anand Marg is engaged in terrorist activities pursuant to the direction of a foreign power, as defined in the Attorney General's Guidelines. This investigation should identify Anand Marg chapters and leadership as well as violence-prone members.

The following characterization may be used until a more complete characterization is provided by Denver for FBIHQ approval:

The Anand Marg, founded in India by Prabhat Rainjan Sarkar, is self-described as a religious, social organization whose goal is peaceful, social reform. Sarkar, who is known to his devotees as Anadmurti (Bliss Incarnate) and Baba (father), is imprisoned in India after being found guilty of conspiring in the murders of six former followers who had defected from Anand Marg. The Anand Marg and its splinter groups, ie., Universal Proutist Revolutionary Federation, etc., have committed numerous acts of terrorism throughout the world demanding the release of their leader Sarkar, and social revolution in India.

Auxiliary offices should report results of their preliminary inquiry in this matter to Denver within 90 days of this communication. This reporting deadline will allow Denver time to prepare a comprehensive summary LHM in accordance

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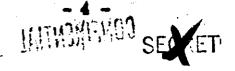
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with the Attorney General's Guidelines for FBI Foreign Counterintelligence Investigations within 120 days of the date of this communication. This LHM will be submitted to the Investigative Review Unit, Department of Justice, to determine if there is basis for a full investigation of the Anand Marg as a foreign based terrorist group.

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The above directs Denver as office of original and other receiving offices to conduct the preliminary inquiry under the Attorney General's Guidelines for FBI Foreign Counterintelligence Investigations to determine if subject organization is engaged in terrorist activities pursuant to the direction of a foreign power. The above further furnishes background of captioned organization and activities to predicate the institution of a preliminary investigation under the Attorney General's Guidelines for FBI Foreign Counterintelligence Investigations.

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Two Américans Get Prison Terms for Attack in Philippines

MANILA (AP)—Two Americans were sentenced yesterday to 10 to 17 years in prison for the attempted murder of an Indian Embassy official. They said they were innocent and would appeal.

Steven Michael Dwyer, 28, of Wichita, Kan., and Victoria Sheppard, 31, of Maryland, also were ordered to pay the victim, Jyoti Sarup Vaid, \$13,333 plus the cost of the three-month trial.

Vaid was stabbed Feb. 7 by three assailants. During the trial, the accused admitted they were at the scene but denied any part in the stabbing. They said they were there because they wanted to get visas to enter India.

Both belong to Ananda Marga, an Indian religious sect whose leader is jailed in India on murder charges. Other members of the sect have been arrested elsewhere for attacting Indian officials and property to protest the arrest of the Ananda Marga leader.

Judge Onofre Villaluz ordered the Defense Department and the Philippine constabulary to investigate members of Ananda Marga, which claims a following of 50,000 in the Philippines, as possible "security risks."

Villaluz called the group a international terrorist organization with "diabolical ends."

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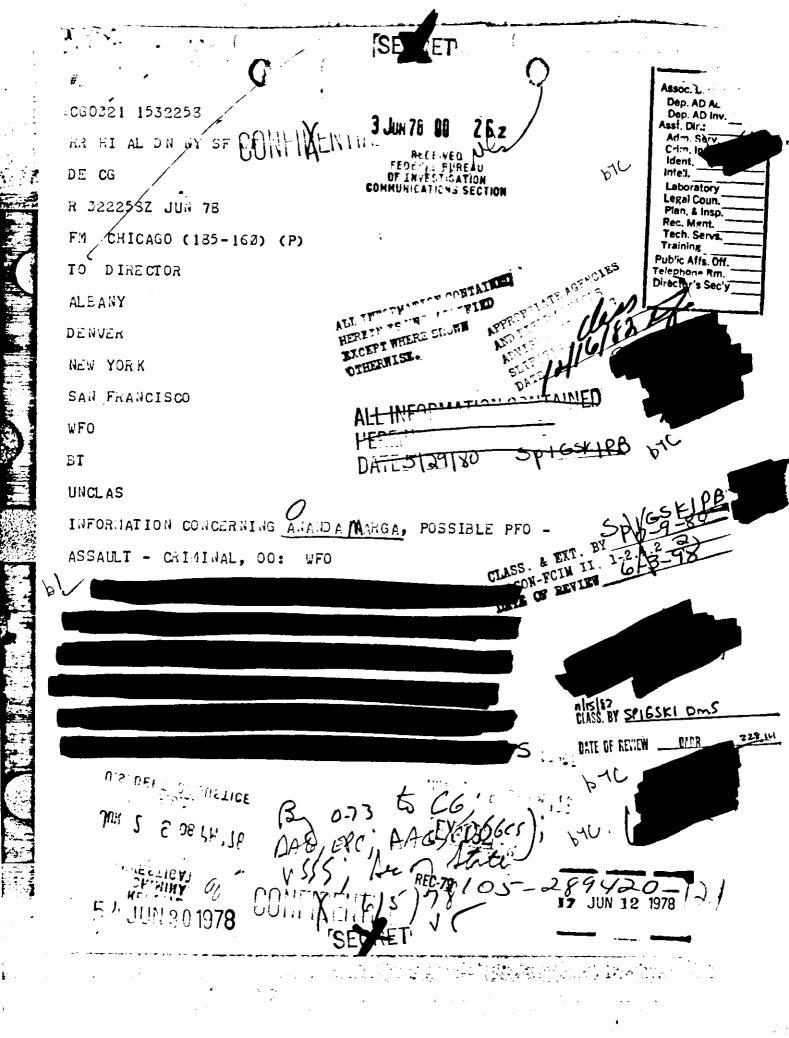
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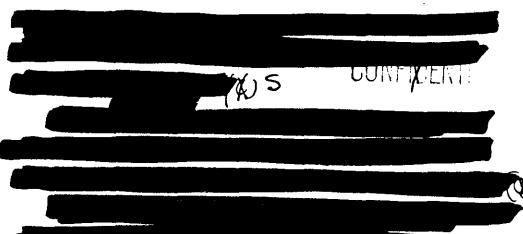


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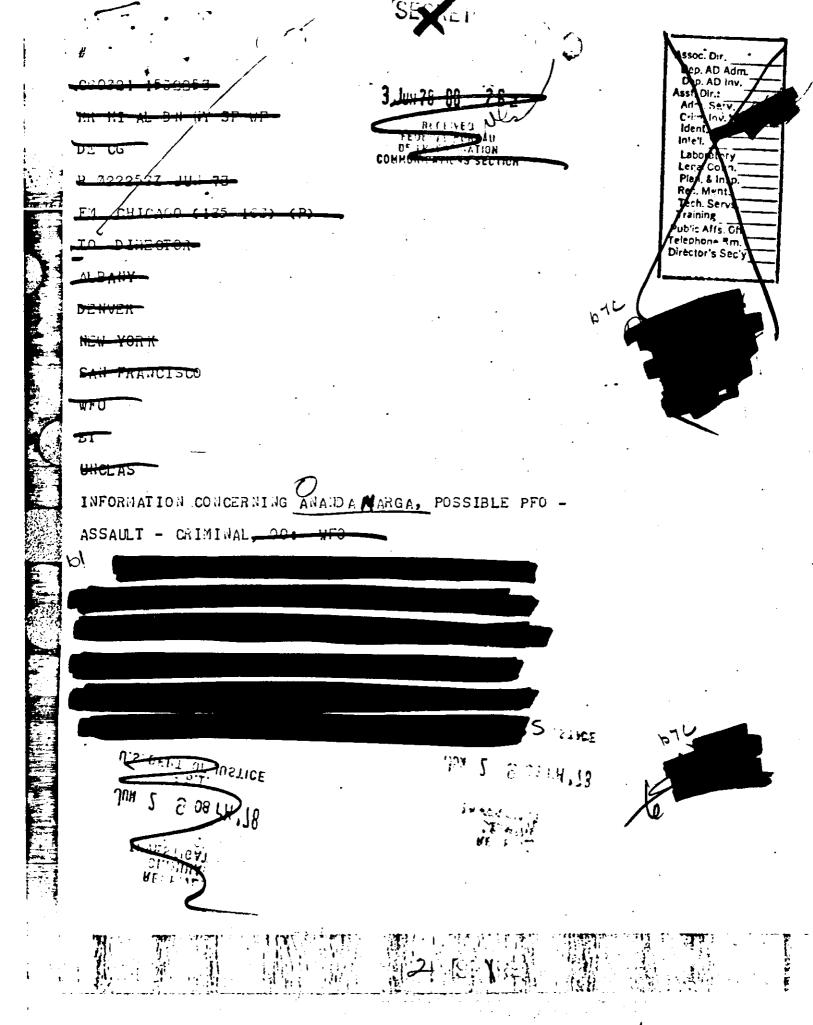
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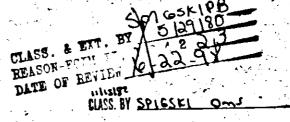
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AT EMBASSY ANNEX,

LOCATED AT 2536 MASSACHUSETTS

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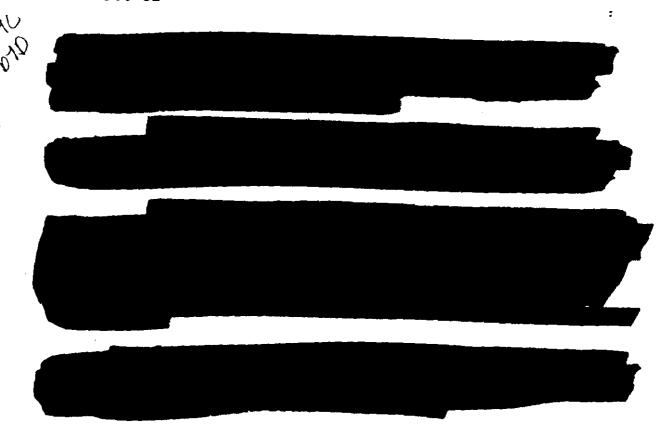
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:DIRECTOR, FBI

:SAC, CHICAGO (185-160) (RUC)

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Re Chicago teletype to Director dated 6/2/78.

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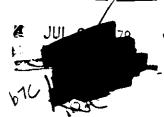
On July 11, 1978, the facts of this matter were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) JEROME FRESE, Northern District of Illinois, who advised that is not an official assigned to the Indian Consulate and due to the unidentifiable nature of the two subsequent calls and the lack of evidence investigation by the FBI in this matter was not warranted. 115-259420

In view of the above no PFO investigation is being conducted at Chicago.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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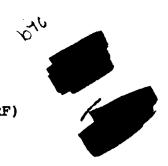
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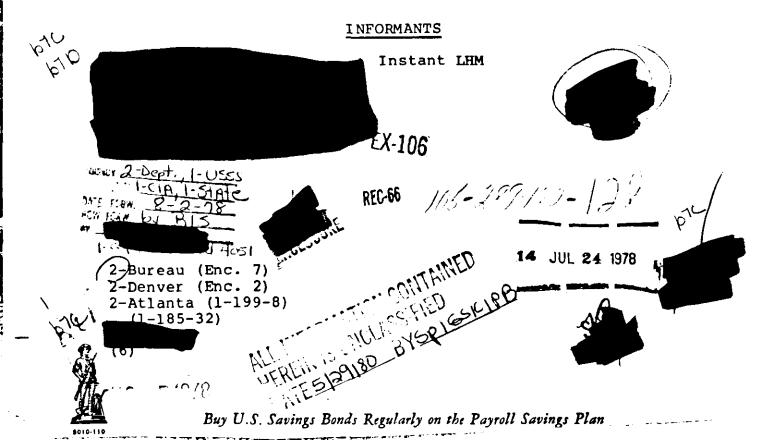


Re FBIHQ airtel to numerous offices, including Atlanta, 5/12/78.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and six copies of an LHM regarding captioned organization as requested by FBIHQ in referenced airtel. Two copies of the LHM are also being sent to Denver, which is origin in this matter.

In addition, one copy of this LHM is being sent to the U. S. Secret Service (USSS), Atlanta, Georgia.





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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

July 18, 1978

ANAND MARG (AM)

I. ORGANI ZATIONAL DATA

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A. Aims and Purposes

Marg (AM) was rounded in India by Prabhat Rainjan Sarkar, as a peaceful, religious, social service organization, and AM's goals are meditation and social programs.

ANAND MARG

(See Appendix)

B. Headquarters

that AM is an international organization rounded in India, and it has headquarters offices in various countries of the world, including the United States. The national headquarters of AM in the United States is located in a house at 854 Pearl Street, Denver, Colorado, and in addition, AM has various regional offices in this country. Also in the United States, there are approximatley 80 AM units or chapters.

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ANAND MARG

C. Leadership

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leader of Am is riabhat Rainjan Sarkar, who originally founded AM, but he is currently in jail in India.

In the United States, AM has various national officers or positions and all of the people holding these positions are reportedly in Denver. These positions are:

Position	Duties	Person Holding Position
National leader (President)	Handles all the national paperwork of running AM in North America.	Unknown
Sectorial (Secretary)	Is National General Coordinator	Unknown
Dharma Pracar Secretary	Handles public relations and classes nationally	Unknown
Eraws Secretary	Responsible for education, relief, and welfare nationally	Unknown
Rawa	Renaissance Artists and Writers Association	Unknown n

The AM Southern Regional Leader is a man named Davadatta, a German, age about 28, who operates out of Raleigh, North Carolina, and he travels about the South as a teacher for AM.

The local units have officers in the same categories as the national officers, namely a Unit Secretary who is the general coordinator for the local AM unit; the Dharma Pracar Secretary, who is responsible for public relations and classes of the unit; the Eraws Secretary, who handles education, relief, and welfare; and the Rawa, who is responsible for the Renaissance Artists and Writers Association.



To become an officer in AM, a person has to show considerable interest in the group, work hard for the group, and then be selected or recruited, which is usually done by the AM sectorial secretary.

D. Membership

estimate that AM nationally has about 500-1000 members

E. Publications

mentioned that AM nationally publishes a monthly newspaper called "Crimson Dawn", which has an 8½" x 11" format, consisting of about 32 pages or so, and it contains articles dealing with AM meditation, inspiration, and AM projects.

In most areas, the AM people live communally and the members go out to work.

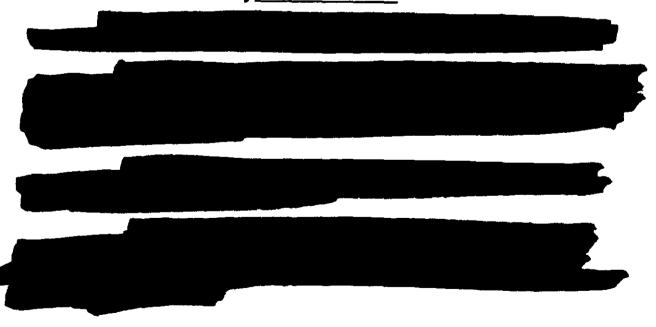




III. CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

AM is not connected with any other organizations either in the United States or throughout the world. AM was founded in India by its leader Sarkar who also founded the Universal Proutist Revolutionary Foundation (UPRF) or Proutists, but AM and UPRF are totally separate groups. UPRF is a political organization based on spiritual values, whereas AM is not political. Both groups have offices and members but are totally separate from each other, and individuals in the UPRF are told to stay out of AM.

IV. ACTIVITIES



ANAND MARG

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that approximately twice a year, AM holds a national seminar in various cities in the United States, the last being in Pueblo, Colorado. These usually last about a week and are strictly religious, with collective meditation, philosophy, etc.

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mention that any AM people take part in any terrorist activities or that AM condones such acts. Thad no knowledge of any terrorist activities on the part of any individuals, either locally or nationally, connected with AM or the UPRF.

APPENDI X

Anand Marg (AM), also known as
Ananda Marga (AM),
Ananda Marga Yogi Society (AMYS),
Universal Proutist Revolutionary Federation (UPRF)

The Anand Marg, founded in India by Prabhat Rainjan Sarkar, is self-described as a religious, social organization whose goal is peaceful social reform. Sarkar, who is known to his devotees as Anadmurti (Bliss Incarnate) and Baba (Father) is imprisoned in India after being found guilty of conspiring in the murders of six former followers who had defected from AM. The AM and its splinter groups, ie., Universal Proutist Revolutionary Federation (UPRF), etc., have committed numerous acts of terrorism throughout the world demanding the release of their leader, Sarkar, and social revolution in India.



Dear Sir:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
July 18, 1978

Director United States Secret Service Department of the Treasury Washington, D. C. 20223 In Reply, Please Refer to File No. . AT 199-8

RE:

ANAND MARG (AM), also known as Ananda Marga, Ananda Marga Yogi Society (AMYS), Universal Proutist Revolutionary Federation (UPRF)

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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3. Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. 🕱 Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
3. Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U.S.
Photograph has been furnished enclosed is not available.
Very truly yours,
William H Wrbet
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1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))U. S. Secret Service , Atlanta

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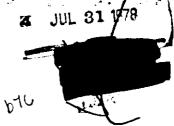
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FOR INFORMATION OF OMAHA DIVISION, WASHINGTON FIELD

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ACCORDING TO SOURCES, THE UPRF IS AN ARM OF THE ANANDA MARGA ORGANIZATION WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN INDIA BY PRABHAT SARKAR, WHO IN 1971 WAS IMPRISONED IN INDIA FOR THE MURDER OF SIX ANANDA MARGA DEFECTORS. IN CONCLUSION, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IN THOSE INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED ABROAD, WHERE ARRESTS WERE MADE, THAT THE INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED WERE IDENTIFIED AS BEING AFFILIATED WITH THE ANANDA MARGA ORGANIZATION.

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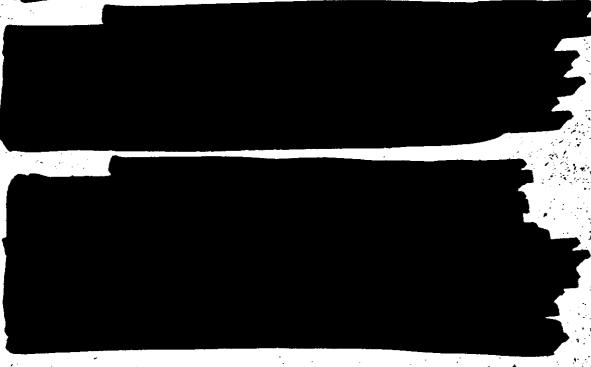
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In Reply, Please Refer to

Washington, D.C. 20535 June 22, 1978

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A review of the records maintained by the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), Washington, D.C. (WDC), by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), on June 14, 1978, disclosed the following information pertaining to



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Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM

SAC, SEATTLE (199-7)(RUC)

SUBJECT:

ANAND MARG (AM) aka,

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FCI - INDIA - TERRORISM (PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INITIATED 5/12/78)

OO: DENVER

Re Bureau airtel to Denver, dated 5/12/78.

On July 18, 1978, a pretext call was made to the Ananda Marga Yogi Society, 413 Malden East, Seattle, A.A.

male appeared to be answering calls and stated that the group taught meditation and performed services free of charge. Also that they were interested in the practice and teaching meditation but spent a good deal of their time in performing community services with regard to group homes, teaching, medical services, some in a full time and some in a part time capacity. He indicated that there was an administrator but no paid salary and most staff are supported by outside employment. He stated that if the caller was interested in an orientation lecture, one would be given that night at their facility and the individual giving the orientation would be TARY CALLAGHER, telephone

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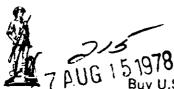
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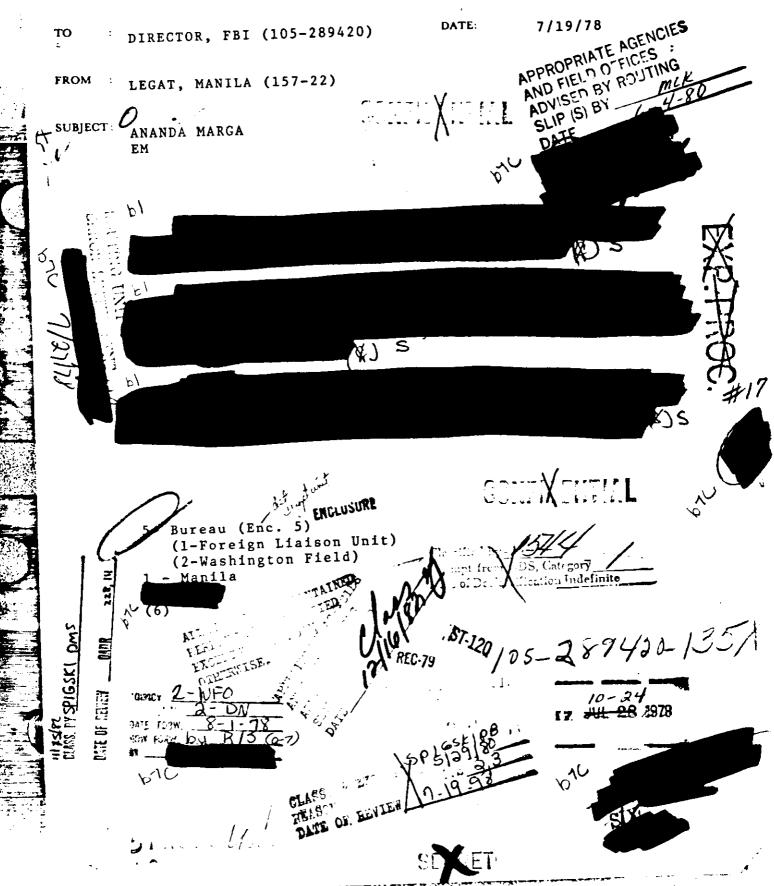
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SAC, BALTIMORE (199-17) (RUC)

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(Ananda Marga Yogi Society (AMYS),

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FCI - INDIA - TERRORISM

(PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

Initiated 5/12/78)

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Re Buairtel to Denver et al dated 5/12/78.

Preliminary investigation conducted according to Attorney General's Guidelines for FBI Foreign Counterintelligence.

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Baltimore to conduct no further investigation and considers this matter RUC.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Los Angeles, California August 8, 1978

ANAND MARG (AM), Also Known As Ananda Marga, Ananda Marga Yogi Society (AMYS), Universal Proutist Revolutionary Federation (UPRF)

Anand Marg (AM) of Los Angeles, Inc. (see appendix), the legal name found in the Los Angeles City Business License Records, is headquartered at 1245 South Norton Avenue, Los Angeles, California, 90019. Los Angeles County Tax Roll Records reflect that the Norton Avenue real property was recorded to AM of Los Angeles, Inc., and was previously deeded to AM Yoga Society, Inc. (U)

The Los Angeles City White Pages Telephone Directory for area code 213, dated June, 1978, reflects the following concerning AM:

> Name Address

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AM Family Unity Center 1245 South Norton Avenue, Los Angeles, California

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During an interview with the Los Angeles Times Newspaper Religion Reporter Russell Chandler, Allen Thurm furnished the following concerning his affiliation with AM:

"It is also an international socio-political movement propagating spiritual philosophy and practices based on ancient Indian meditation and yoga techniques.

"Founded in India in 1955, the first orangerobed Ananda Marga teachers journeyed to the Philippines 13 years later, then on to Palo Alto in 1970.

"Today there are "ashrams," or units, in major cities (including Los Angeles) in all 50 states as well as in about 45 other countries.

"'The appeal of Ananda Marga is that people in it live by example--they don't just talk about it,' explained Allen Thurm, 28, who, with his wife, Karol, 29, head the local unit headquartered in a large house at 1245 S. Norton Ave. in the Crenshaw district.

"The leader of Ananda Marga in the United States, Dadaji Yatiishvarananda, is headquartered in Denver, and there are perhaps six or seven fulltime teachers in this country, Thurm said.

"'We're not a fanatical organization, and we don't feel we're the only path,' declared Thurm, a thin, bearded man, who, following Ananda Marga custom, eats a vegetarian diet.

"Ananda Marga followers--there are an estimated 75,000 initiated members in the U.S.--believe in reincarnation and karma, the Eastern concept of retribution through cause and effect in successive lives.

"The Los Angeles unit is involved in free food distribution to the needy; literacy training; help for orphans, the retarded and disturbed individuals, and the teaching of 'alternate systems of government and economics.'

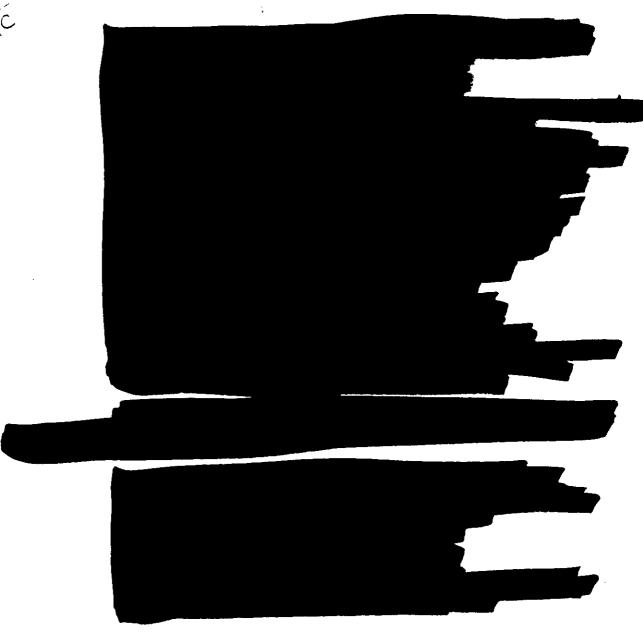
"Ananda Marga's Golden Lotus shampoo, sold in health food stores, beauty and barber shops, produces profits used in social service projects, Thurm said.

"In the United States most Ananda Marga followers are Caucasians of middle and upper income, according to the Thurms. The young couple, who live in Eagle Rock, are graduates of local colleges and both teach the trainable mentally retarded in the Los Angeles City school system." (U)

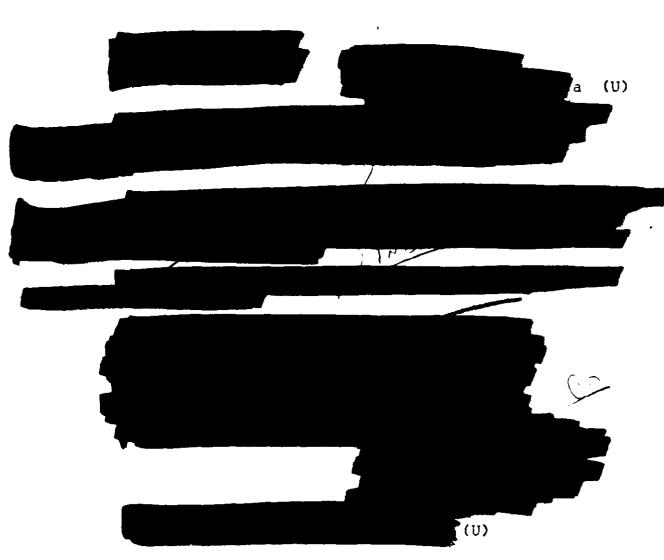




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During the fall of 1977, interviews of two AM members. by Special Agents of the rol in Los Angeles, California. related that AM is a socio-spiritual organization, whose objective is to relieve human suffering and promote the teachings of P. R. Sarkar. Both denied that any AM members participated in any acts or violence, and advised that for AM members to do so would be contrary to the teachings and principals of AM. stated that the founder of AM, P. R. Sarkar, is unjustly garred in India and that AM desires his immediate release, however. AM would never condone violence to achieve his release. related that their vehicle for serving (U)

mankind in the Los Angeles area is the AM Family Unity Center.

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believes that AM receives money has determined from Africa. this organization receives funds from the country of Algeria. would furnish no additional specifics regarding the instant allegations.

had received information that members of Am had traveled from Los Angeles, California, to Pueblo, Colorado, to attend an AM conference, which was held during the week of July 2 through July 8, 1978, on the campus of the University of Southern Colorado.

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On July 27, 1978, AM of Los Angeles sponsored and conducted a demonstration in front of the building housing

the Government of India Tourist Office, 3550 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. The demonstrating group was composed of four females and six males, led by Jesse Kramer. The demonstration consisted of the group marching in a circle carrying signs which demanded the release of P. R. Sarkar, chanting, playing small drums, tambourines, and guitars. Various members of this group handed out a printed letter captioned, "Political Prisoner Held After Acquittal". The demonstration lasted approximately one hour and involved no disruption of any activities of the Government of India Tourist Office or activities of the general public. Three AM members who signed a register as Jesse Kramer, Loneita Pitkin, and Deborah Hight were permitted to enter the aforementioned address and were escorted to the Government of India Tourist Office suite. These AM members created no disturbance and were subsequently escorted from the building. On July 26, 1978, the Government of India Tourist Office, Los Angeles, California, received a copy of a "News Release" which was sent through the United States Mail by Loneita Pitkin. The text of that "News Release" is as follows:

"NEWS RELEASE

"FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"Contact person:
"Loneita Pitkin
"1245 S. Norton Ave.
"Los Angeles, Ca. 90019
"(213) 734-7591/731-1372

"On Thursday, July 27 at 9:00 A.M., members of Ananda Marga plan to hold a march and rally to protest the continued imprisonment of the social service organization's founder, P. R. Sarkar. The event

will begin at the Ananda Marga Family Unity Center, a community project on child abuse, and will proceed to the India Tourist Office at 3550 Wilshire Boulevard. There will be public information sharing and live music.

"P. R. Sarkar was acquitted on July 4th of politically inspired charges in Patna, India. The acquittal came when a state High Court reversed a conviction which had occurred after a stormy trial during Indira Gandhi's state of emergency. The trial of Mr. Sarkar and four aides has embroiled India's social and political structure in one of the greatest controversies in its history. Observers reported clear instances of false testimony and fradulently obtained evidence. Only after Indira Gandhi was replaced by the current Janata government was it possible to secure the appeal hearing which led to the acquittal.

"Mr. Sarkar had been imprisoned since 1971, and during that time was on a protest fast, taking only liquids. He is a prolific writer with over twenty books in a dozen languages covering diverse topics in spiritual and social areas. While in prison he was awarded the coveted Rosa de Oro Humanitarian Award from the people of Italy.

"Note: This is to inform you of our march and rally. We plan to be very peaceful and orderly, so please do not be alarmed. We have chosen your office due to its proximity to us and its significance in relation to India. This is not intended to be threatening to you in any way.

"Sincerely, Loneita Piţkin"

The text of the material that was handed to the general public by various AM members during the aforementioned demonstration is as follows:

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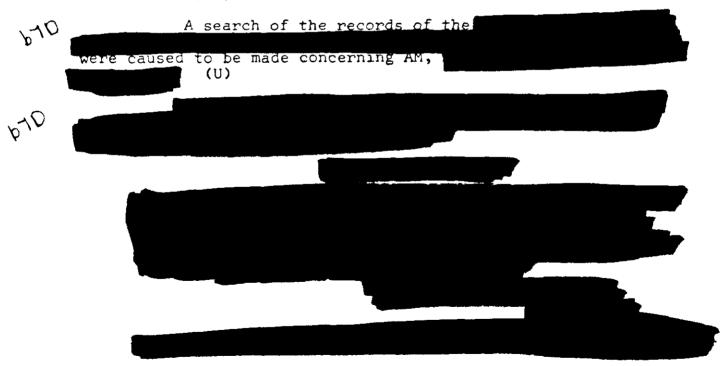
"We are members of an international social service organization called Ananda Marga, which means "the path of self-fulfillment" or the "path of bliss". We are protesting the continued imprisonment of P. R. Sarkar, the founder of Ananda Marga.

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"In Los Angeles, Ananda Marga sponsors a social service project for abused children and their families, the Family Unity Center. Located at 1245 South Norton Avenue, the Center has been in operation for over a year. Donations to the project are tax-deductible (we are a non-profit corporation), and your donation will help families under stress feel that someone cares about their problems.

"Also, members of Ananda Marga volunteer their time to teach free classes in meditation, a universal technique for relaxation and concentration. Classes are held in various locations throughout Los Angeles, and are open to everyone. For class information and/or information about the Family Unity Center, call (213) 731-1372." (U)





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ANAND MARG OF LOS ANGELES, INC.

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who is known to his devotees as Anadmurti (Bliss Incarnate) and
Baba (father), is imprisoned in India after being found guilty
of conspiring in the murders of six former followers who had
defected from Anand Marg. The Anand Marg and its splinter
groups, i.e., Universal Proutist Revolutionary Federation, etc.,
have committed numerous acts of terrorism throughout the
world demanding the release of their leader Sarkar, and
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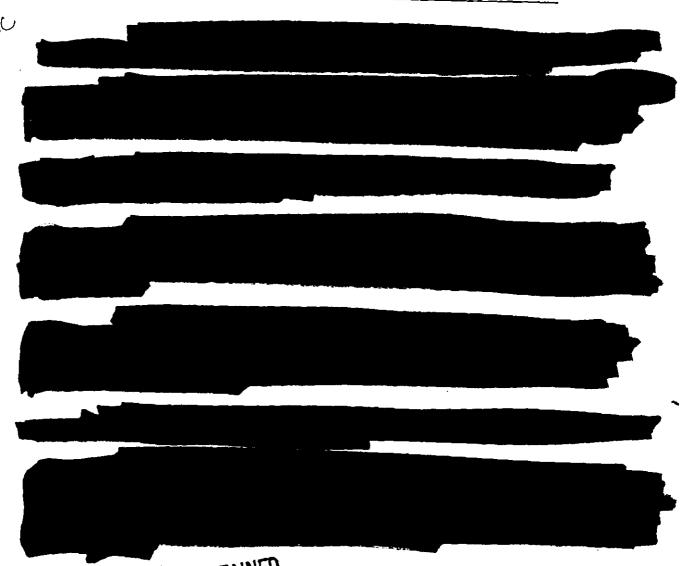
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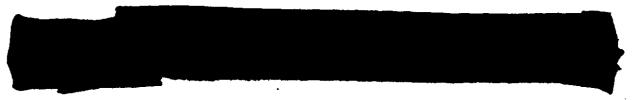
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A preliminary inquiry was instituted on May 12, 1978. to determine if the Anand Marg, also known as Ananda Marga, Ananda Marga Yoga Society, Universal Proutist Revolutionary Federation, is engaged in terrorist activities pursuant to the direction of a foreign power. The Washington, D.C., Chapter of the Anand Marg is located at 1354 Montague Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., which is used for religious meetings and living quarters for Anand Marg travelers. This residence also houses Anand Marg organizers, having been purchased July, 1973, by Ananda Marga, Incorporated, Yoga Society of Kansas, 854 Pearl Street, Denver, Colorado. Information regarding the Ananda Marga at Washington, D.C., set forth:

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I. PROTESTS BY THE ANANDA MARGA AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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On April 4, 1972, the National Park Service of the Department of Interior furnished the following information:

On March 24, 1972, Olav T. Oftedal, 2203 Wyoming Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., filed a notice of a proposed demonstration to be sponsored by the Ananda Marga Yoga Society. The society was described by Oftedal as an incorporated association whose address he furnished as 3453 East 12th Street, Wichita, Kansas, 67208, telephone number 316-685-8667.

Oftedal identified the principal officer of the Society as Achary Yatii Shyarananda Avadhuta, the Spiritual Director of the Ananda Marga Yoga Society. His address and phone number was the same as that of the Society which is given above. The demonstration was scheduled for the dates April 14-16, 1972, for the purpose of placing certain unspecified demands before the Indian Embassy. It was stated that the purpose was to bring "attention to our cause." It was estimated by Oftedal that the demonstration would have 250 participants. They intended to use sound magnification equipment for speakers and musicians. They were also going to display placards and banners and were to engage in collective songs, spiritual chants and silent mediation.

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On March 12, 1972, the National Park Service advised that Oftedal had called to state that the planned demonstration had been canceled and that no further date had been set. He did say that the decision to cancel the demonstration had been made at an internal meeting held that week in Kansas City, Missouri.

The following was received by mail from the National Capitol Parks, National Parks Service, United States Department of Interior, on March 16, 1973:

On March 12, 1973, Richard Greenberg, 6913 Granby Street, Bethesda, Maryland, 20034, telephone number 229-5350, filed a "Notice of Proposed Demonstration in Park Area" to be conducted by the Ananda Marga Yoga Society (AMYS) from 3:00 p.m., March 18, 1973, to 6:00 p.m., March 19, 1973, at Dupont Circle, N.W. The purpose of the demonstration was to bring public attention to the persecution of spiritual leader P.R. Sarkar in India. Greenberg estimated that five hundred people would participate by the display of fifty placards, fasting and silence except for the singing of one song "We Are One in Spirit." Ten marshals were to be furnished and supervised by Greenberg and one Karen Paquette, 2119 Guilford Road, Hyattsville, Maryland, telephone number 820-2638. Greenberg indicated that he would be in charge of the demonstration and has had one year's experience conducting events for the AMYS.

In filing the above notice, Greenberg furnished the address of AMYS as 3453 East 12th Street, Wichita, Kansas, 67208, and identified Paul Fahnestock of the same address as president of the Society's National Board.

"The Washington Post Times Herald" of March 20, 1973, carried a photograph and an article which indicated that thirty-six people were participating in a twenty-seven hour demonstration in support of their Guru P.R. Sarkar, the founder of the AMYS who had been jailed in India since December, 1971, on a charge of murder. One demonstrator, one Paul Hosch, advised that similar demonstrations and fasts were being held simultaneously in eight other United States cities and sixteen cities in other countries as well as throughout India.

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Hosch and Fahnestock, previously mentioned, advised the newspaper representative that Sarkar has a following of twenty thousand people in the United States, all of whom have been recruited since the movement was organized in the United States three years ago.

Hosch and Fahnestock continued that the teachings of Sarkar, who is called Shrii Shrii Anandamurti by his followers, differs from other Yoga systems primarily by its heavy emphasis on the performance of good works.

According to the newspaper article, the society has a monthly publication called "Sadvipra", the current issue of which described various social service projects being conducted by the society in a number of foreign countries and various parts of the United States.



On April 18, 1973, the captioned organization filed a notice of demonstration with the National Capitol Parks of the National Park Service of the United States Department of Interior. The notice, which was filed by Karen Paquette, 3121 Patterson Street, N.W., the sponsor of the demonstration, indicated that the demonstration would take place on April 23, 1973, commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Peace Monument at First and Pennsylvania Avenue, The demonstration would then proceed to Dupont Circle, where a vigil would be kept until 2:30 p.m. The demonstration would then proceed to the vicinity of the residence of the Indian Ambassador on Macomb Street. N.W., and then return to Dupont Circle. The stated purpose of the demonstration was to draw public attention to the persecution in India of a spiritual leader. In literature distributed during the demonstration, the spiritual leader was identified as Shrii Shrii Anandamurti.

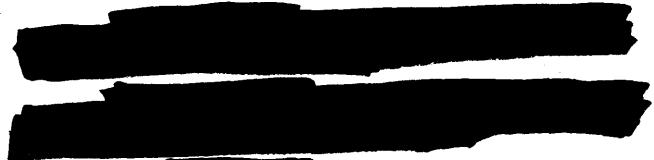


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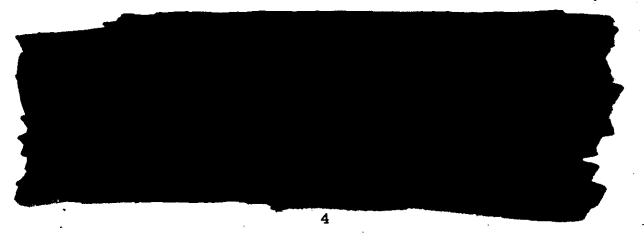
who in previous activities of the Society had been identified as the Society's spiritual leader P.R. Sarkar.



A representative of the United States Secret Service advised that during the attempt to deliver the 'ashes at the Indian Embassy, the container of ashes was broken on the embassy steps and two arrests by the Executive Protective Service ensued on charges of "Depositing Trash in a Public Place." Arrested on the above charges were:



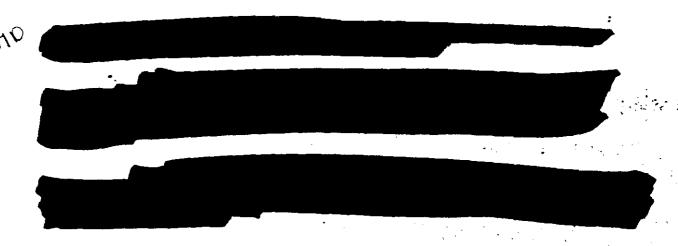
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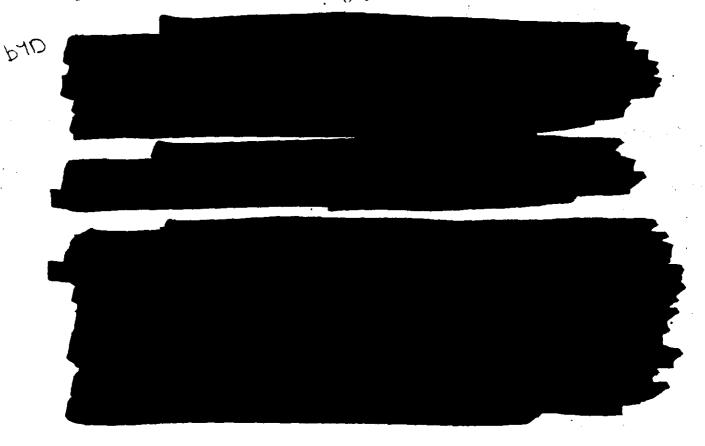


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Shrii Shrii Anandamurti has been publicly identified as the head of the Ananda Marga Yoga Society and has been charged with conspiracy in the slayings of six of his former disciples. He is in prison in India on that charge.



On July 29, 1975, it was learned from representatives of the United States Capitol Police and the National Capital Parks, National Park Service, that Ananda Marga Justice Committee planned to hold a demonstration in Washington, D.C., on August 15, 1975, to protest the anti-Democratic policies of the Indian government. Participants in the demonstration would gather in the vicinity of the Washington Monument at 8:30 a.m. At approximately 10:00 a.m., they would march up Constitution Avenue to the west front of the United States Capitol, where a rally would feature several speakers and the display of placards. Several members of Congress were invited to speak at the rally, but it was not known at the time how many would attend. Sponsors of the demonstration believed the number of expected participants to be from 2.000 to 30,000. Time of the termination of the rally was listed as both 1:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Local sponsors of the demonstration were identified as Richard J. Gochal and Joni Zweig, 1354 Montague
Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20011, phone number 291-7542.

A representative of the United States Capitol Police advised that all activities of the Committee, commencing July 17, 1975, and concluding August 15, 1975, had proceeded without incident. No arrests were made. During the month long vigil on the Capitol steps, participants normally numbered about six with participants increasing to about 200 for the August 15, 1975, march and rally.

representatives of the United States Park Police and the Metropolitan Police Department advised that activities of the AMJC proceeded without incident in their respective jurisdictions on August 15, 1975... No incidents occurred and no arrests were made.

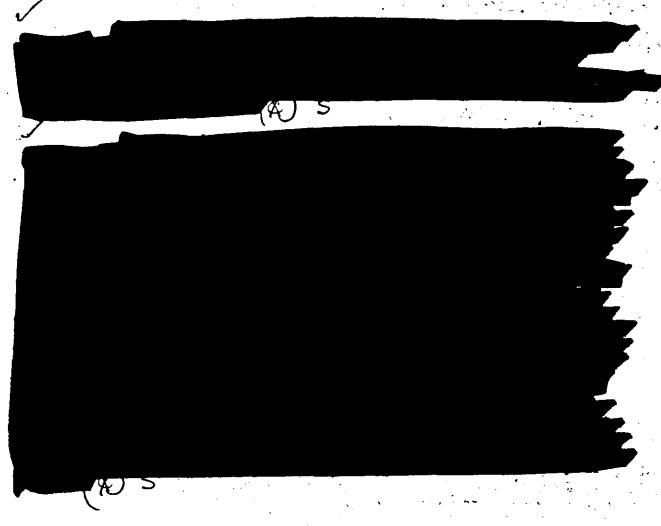
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STABBING OF INDIAN ATTACHE,
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At approximately 6:45 p.m., November 28, 1977, Silla Koteswar, Attache assigned to the Indian Embassy, was stabbed by an unknown assailant outside the Indian Embassy Annex, 2536 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. An Embassy security guard removed two knives from Koteswar's back and Koteswar was transported to the George Washington University Hospital, where he underwent successful surgery. Investigation by the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), at the Indian Embassy Annex after the stabbing reflected no information relating to the individual responsible for the assault on Koteswar.



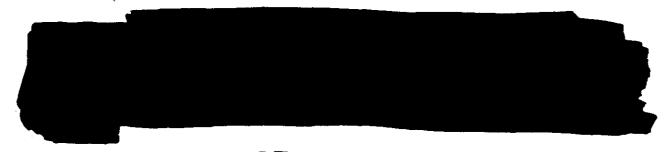


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On November 29, 1977

was interviewed by Special Agents (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at the Washington Field Office (WFO), 1900 Half Street, S.W., WDC. He furnished the following information:



According to Ananda Marga is a volunteer organization which teaches meditation and performs community service functions. The size of the organization in the United States is gauged by activity. Estimates around 5,000 individuals are considered active. The purpose of Ananda Marga is twofold: 1) personal development through meditation and 2) social services. The social services involve permanent projects which consist of pre-schools for children and halfway houses, and individual projects such as food for the needy and general membership projects such as disaster action teams.

Universal is the social philosophy of P.R. SARKAR. There are some in Ananda Marga who espouse the proutist philosophy, but generally the membership does not. One RICHARD GOCHAL of Santa Cruz, California, is the national proutist leader.

Ananda Marga receives most of its funds by voluntary contributions through its membership. It does, however, receive some Federal monies in the form of CETA grants for its permanent projects. Donations from the membership are proportioned with certain percentages forwarded to the sector offices. Ananda Marga receives no funds from any Indian sources.

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Regarding the trial of P.R. SARKAR, Ananda Marya sent W.T. WELLS from England to observe the trial. WELLS is an attorney and Ananda Marya helped pay his expenses. Also sent was CLAUDE-ARMAND SHEPPARD, who was commissioned by the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva and International Ruman Rights Committee of New York. SHEPPARD appeared before the Committee on International Relations, Sub-Committee on International Organizations, Congress of the United States.

According to the trial hinged on the testimony of one witness, a man named MCNTEVANAMIDA, who had been associated with the SARKAR movement and defected. stated the trial was a wholesale travesty of justice and an engineered frame-up of SARKAR.

When asked why the Indian Government was so interested in the Ananda Marga Movement, replied that the movement had been attracting a number of the young communists in India and the pro-communist forces in India were concerned with the movement's growth among the middle class. Although the Communist Party in India never received much publicity, maintained INDIRA GHANDI and the Communist Party were very close. The Soviet KGB was actively involved with the whole affair which was directed by the Central Bureau of Intelligence in India. In stated that the Central Bureau of Intelligence might have been controlled during GHANDI's government, but was now almost autonomous and uncontrollable.

advised he knew little of the so-called splinter groups said to be associated with Ananda Marga by the Indian Government such as the Universal Proutist Revolutionary Federation. Believes this group is probably a concoction of the Soviet KGB and the Central Bureau of Intelligence to cause difficulty for Ananda Marga.

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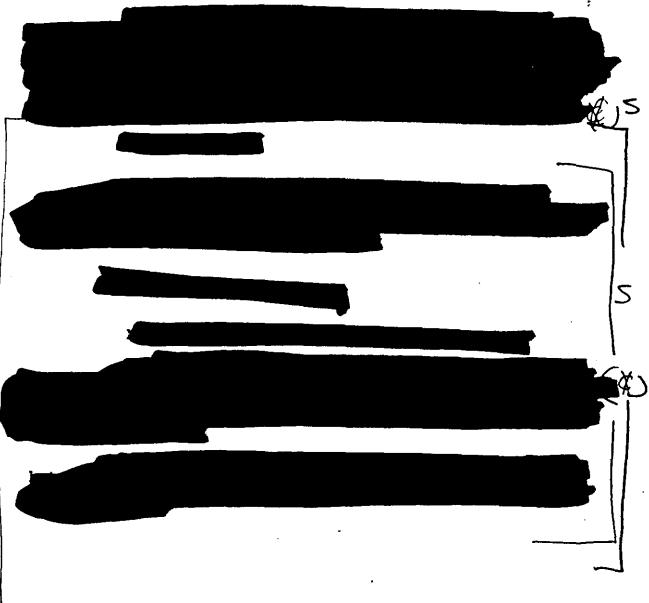
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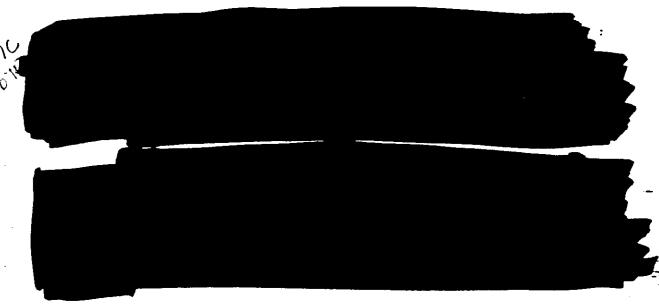


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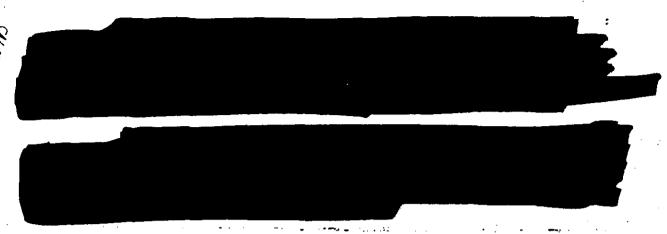


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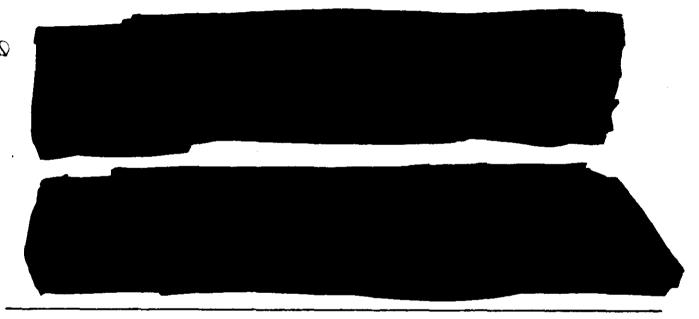
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Concerning the following individuals whom he was advised have been developed as possible suspects and/or witnesses for having participated in or having knowledge of the stabbing of SILLA KOTESWAR at WDC on Movember 28, 1977, and/or other acts of violence of which the Universal Proutist Revolutionary Federation (UPRF) claimed credit by letter:



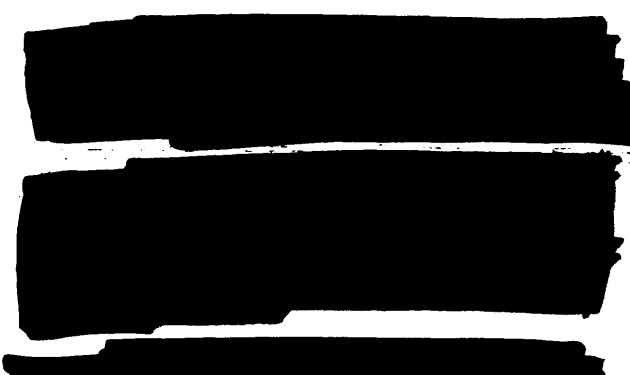
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through the All organization in that she held the position of a nun and/or spiritual teacher and on many occasions toured the East Coast.

DIDI uma and DaDA LOKESRA committed surcine by self-immolation sometime in early February, 1978, at Berlin, Germany.



LOKESHA committed suicide in West Berlin by self immolation in early February of 1978.



above individuals to be members of or connected in any way with the UPRF

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IV. NEWSPAPER SECTION

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The following are newspaper articles which have appeared in various Washington, DC, newspapers regarding Ananda Marga:

Baba's Followers Protest

Indian Guru's Flock Seeks His Release

By John Saar Vashington Post Stall Wiffers

In a demonstration as gently peaceful as the beliefs they espouse; 350 members of an international yoga society marched here yesterday to protest the imprisonment in India of their guru, or spiritual leader.

Claiming to represent 30,000 American followers of the man they call 'Baba,' the Loved Father, the protesters carried placards demanding his release as they walked in a chanting procession from the Capitol to Dupont Circle.

After periods of meditation during which they sat crosslegged, with heads bowed, around the Dupont Circle fountain the protesters, mainly young people, enacted a symbolic immolation ceremony. Each of them burned a piece of saffron cloth to commemorate an Indian monk who died by self-immolation esciler this month to draw world attention to the case.

Leaders of the Anandal been detained in India on Marga Yoga Society then charges of murder and homicarried the ashes to the cide under various pro-

Indian Embassy, 2107 Manaschusetts Ave. NW, while the main group raised a chant which could be heard several blocks away. After-reading a statement condemning the Indian government for imprisoning Baba, also known as Anandamurti, without bail, and allegedly attempting to poison him in jail, the leaders threw the urn on the embassy steps.

After refusing to obey a police order to clear up the ashes and fragments of glass, Paul Hosch of Berkeley, Calif., and Seeve King, Wichita, Kan, were arrested and charged with depositing trash in a public place.

in a statement released last night, the Indian Embassy accused the Ananda Marga Society of making "all kinds of wild allegations."

Calling the rumor of a poison attempt "false," Press Attache George Shukla said Anandamuxti was in good health and under regular medical treatment. "He has been detained in India on charges of murder and homicide under various pro-

visions of the Indian penals code," he said.

The guru's American supporters insisted that their leader is falsely accused of murdering some of his followers and charged that Anandamurtiis being persecuted because his humanitarian credo aroused the enmity of establishment groups in India.

The demonstration ended in the late afternoon when it began to rain after another group meditation.

One who made the protest pilgrimage to Washington this weekend was 25-year-old Lynn Doggette, a teacher from Columbia, S.C. She said the joint Ananda Margs beliefs of finding oneself through meditation and helping others through good works had brought her through difficult emotional times, and experiences with LSD and other drugs.

"I wasn't into anything spiritual, but I was desperate. I found people radiating love, humanity. I had never experienced anything like it," she said.

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THE WASHINGTON POST & TIMES HERALD

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Yoga society members listen to a talk at Dupont Circle.



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Followers of Baba stage demonstration along Constitution Avenue,

Ananda Marga

India Sees Threat in Yoga Sect Noted for Good Works in U.S.

By Lewis M. Simons

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NEW DELHI, April 28— To Americans, the Ananda Marga Yoga Society sounds about as hurmless as Sgt. Peppera. Lonely Hearts Club Band. American college kids standing on their beads, eating wheat germ, chanting sgn, on on.

But in liidia, Ananda Marga is bearded monks in saffron robes, daggers at their hips, their guru j a i lect in connection with the marders of airs defectors. Here, the government, which Ananda Marga views as current and immoral—regards it in turn as a fascist group committed to outing the government and installing its own system of highly disciplined regulations,

regulations.

Ananda Marga means "Path of Bliss." Eight million people throughout the world have been initiated into the group. In India, they run 400 achools, soup kitchens, bring relief to Bangladesh refugees and spiritual succor to the downtrodden.

In the United States, followers teach soft-suspect in black ghettos and in prisons. In Nicaragua, they rebuild houses destroyed by the Managua earthquake, provide food, teach hygiene.

"Violence and dictatorship are the cornerstone of the Ananda Marga philosophy," says India's home minister, Uma Shankar Dixit. "This is an organization which wants to lead the country to fascism."



Weshington demonstrates demand garn's release.

The basis of Ananda Marga is spiritualism," says-Olat Ortedal, a young American devetee. "But the distinction between Ananda Marga and other Indian-based spiritual groups in the United States is that we go beyond mediation and sing-

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ndia Views Ananda Marga Sect as Threat

We try to help oppresseople. We're activists." tedal, 23, came to India week as a "public relacoordinator" working he release of the founder head of Ananda Marga, hat Ranjan Sarkar, on to his followers as Shrli Anandamurti.

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By Craig Rerndon-The Washington Post

Ananda Marga members gather at Dupont Circle to protest jailing of their guru, awaiting trial in india. He says most of the 20,000 members of the U.S. branch, which has its headquarters in Wichita, Kan., are white, dean-cut, middle-class and college-educated, like him-

1"I graduated from Harvard summa cum laude," Oftedal says, "But I and the Harvard intellectuals { know are nothing in comparison with Baba.

Baba, an affectionate term meaning "Papa," is "a giant of intelligence, morality and strength," he says.

"Baba is the incarnation of God," a bearded monk acreamed earlier this week, his curly black hair streaming down the back of his saffron costume, "Baba alone is .

th." Chanting in Bengali, 1,500 hundred young followers took up the cry. They were demonstrating in New Delhi for the release of Sar-

On the high platform in front of the crowd was a small earthenware pot, said to contain the ashes of a monk who had burned himself to death earlier 'this month out of frustration over Sarkar's detention.

Rudrananda Avadhut, a tall, handsome monk wearing blue-tinted glasses, told the crowd that another immolation was imminent.

breaking into an English translation of his speech, for the benefit of foreign estrespondents, he said that a registered letter had been sent earlier in the day to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and President V.V. Giri, warning that if they would not meet with Ananda Marga representatives tragedy would follow.

Neither the prime minister nor the president responded. The immolation took place the next day inside an ancient stone fort. It was carried out suddenly and in secrecy from the police, but not from the news media.

News coverage is extremely important to Ananda Marga. Oftedal and his Indian public relations counterpart, Acharya Nirmohananda, carry briefcases crammed with press handouts, background information, and clippings.

Before last week's demonevolved into what Indians stration concluded. past masters of every form of protest- term "courting arrest." A few hundred demonstrators with paper swastika emblems pinned to their shirts broke police cordons around the meeting ground and were shoved into waiting vans. But not before the police discharged tear gas cylinders and cracked some heads with bamboo staves.

"Look, look. You gentlemen of the press have seen the police brutality," cried Nirmohananda. "You, Mr. Lal. you have seen their vicious, mad-dog attacks. Tell the world how we are persecuted."

The next day, Tuesday, Sprender M. Lal, a Column ia Broadcasting System cameraman, tried to tell the world. Accompanied by Patricia Duregne de Launaguet, a young French woman who works as a sound technician, Lal filmed the immolation. Lals film. and some still pictures taken by a photographer hired by Ananda Marga are the only complete records of the burning.

The police moved swiftly. They immediately arrested two monks present at the immocation and charged them with criminal conspiracy. Lal and Miss de Launaguet were arrested that night at Bombay airport, where they had fled from Delhi. They were charged with conspiracy. The police seized a roll of 16-mm. color film from Lal. Whether it is the film of the immolation will not be known until it is processed, something which cannot be done in India.

Tuesday night and Wednesday, the police staged raids at Ananda Marga's New Delhi-headquarters and elsewhere. They arrested 24 monks and other persons, including a physician connected with the group.

The physician, Dr. Subash

Rana, is one of a large number of middle-class and wealthy Indians who are attracted to Ananda Marga's potently anti-Communist philosophy. The organization has also drawn a high proportion of senior government officials, enough to cause the government to attempt outlawing Ananda Marga and, failing that, banning membership for civil servants.

Rumors are circulated widely in Delhi that officials with access to government funds have helped finance Ananda Marga. According to the organization, financing comes from assessment of members—they must donate two per cent of their income—and "private contributions."

Friday in Parliament, a member of the ruling Congress party claimed that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was behind the organization. The charge was carried on the front page of The Patriot, a daily newspaper published by the Communist Party of India.

Certainly the group is well-heeled. Located behind the New Delhi headquarters is the Ananda Press Plant, a printing firm owned by the organization. Another press is operated in Patna, Bihar, the group's headquarters. According to Oftedal, Ananda Marga owns "dozens" of other printing plants throughout India.

"We believe that literacy and information are important in educating the lower classes about the corruption and immorality of the Indian government," he said. The . presses churn out dozens, if not hundreds, of different leaflets, circulars, pamphlets ind newspapers. At the mo-ment, most of them stress the alleged persecution of Sarkar and the claim that Indian intelligence officers poisoned him in his jail cell. According to several of these publications, Sarkar has been so maltreatedconfined to a cell without so much as a fan in 130 degrees temperatures, fed rotten. food and deprived of medical attention—that he has been forced to go on a fast as a last resort. He reportedly has not eaten since the beginning of this month.

Just as the Communisticand Congress Parties, which have operated as allies the last few years, are leading the current attacks on Ananda Marga, its greatest support comes from the right-wing, pro-Hindu Jana Sangh Party.

In the last few days, several 'government officials have drawn comparisons between Ananda Marga and Jana Sangh's parent organization, Rashiriya Swayamsevak Sangh (National Self-Service Organization). RSS, as it is widely known, was founded some 25 years ago, around the time India won

ain. It is a broad-based, sightly disciplined Nazi-style brganization which drills its uniformed university student members in self defense and the use of weapons.

A founder of both Jana Sangh and RSS, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, died in 1954 in a Kashmir prison where, his followers claimed, he was poisoned to death.

Ananda Marga, according to Home Minister Dixit, is "much worse than RRS."

How bad is it? Even if it has 250,000 members in India — which it claims, but which is most unlikely — does it constitute a threat to the government? The answers, given by both the government and Ananda Marga, are yes and no.

The organization espouses a philosophy of "socio-economico-politico-religious revolution" which it calls the progressive utilization theory or Prout. The so-called Proutist bloc has run candidates for the Central and Bihar state governments and at one time had a single member of Parliament.

Ananda Marga literature admits that much of Sarkar's teachings are "unfathomable" and that they require, at least, "a sustained effort and a highly developed intellect."

Nevertheless, in trying to capsulize Prout for the ordinary man, one pamphlet says "it stands for guaranteeing minimum essentials of life to-each and every individual. The essentials should go on increasing

progressively with growing economy and growing wealth."

According to a New Delhi newspaperman, who is active in Ananda Marga, the theory is of immediate importance and applicability to India, "where the government is widely known to be corrupt and immoral and is actively courting the Communists."

Oftedal adds that it is also of immediate use in certain countries of Latin America and in the Philippines, where Ananda Marga claims to be particularly active. (A group spokesman in Manila said Friday that a "sacrificial death" by immolation was planned there.)

Prout is "not applicable, at this moment," in the United States," Oftedal says.

In a 35-page appeal to Amnesty International, the group said, "clearly, the CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) and the government seem to be haunted by the fear of being thrown out of power by the rapidly rising moral and spiritual force" of Sarkar and Ananda Marga.

"Nonsense," says Minister of State for Home Affairs Ram Nivas Mirdha. "They are merely a gang of extremists and criminals and that is the way we are treating them. Sarkar is being treated the same as any other person charged with a murder conspiracy charge. No worse and no better."

For every Ananda Marga claim of pressure factics, persecution, illegal detention and maltreatment, Mirdha has a logical and legal argument: "The pressure they are feeling is because they are at
loose ends without their
leader. This shows how much
of a dictator he is. His word is
law to them.

. "We are certainly not persecuting them. We classify them somewhere between a crank case and dangerous criminals. But we do not worry unduly about them.

"Sarkar is not being detained illegally. A magistrate has committed the case to the Bihar sessions court. The group has been allowed an extraordinary appeal to the Federal Supreme Court. This is pending. Bail has not been allowed because the Bihar court fears Sarkar will, tamper with the evidence."

Maltreatment? Mirdha referred to a statement made by the Bihar government after Sarkar claimed he was pisoned on Feb. 12. The government said he was examined by a state physician and a cardiologist who found only that his blood pressure was "a little high" and that a claim of blindness turned out to be conjunctivitis, "for which drops and ointment were prescribed."

Yet, despite this cool logic, the answers do not quite reply to the questions. A foreign journalist who asked Mirdha if he could be given permission to visit Sarkar in jail was refused. "It is against the regulations" he said.

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Diplomat, 36, Badly Injured In Stabbing

Terrorism May Be Factor In Attack on Indian Here

An Indian diplomat remains in serious condition today after being stabbed last night as he departed the Indian Embassy supply misssion, according to District police and the FBI, who are investigating the case as a possible act of political terrorism.

Silla Koteswar, 36, a commercial attache, had just left the embassy's supply mission at 2536 Massachusetts Ave. NW when workers heard someone scream, "Police!"

When officials opened the front door, police said, Koteswar stumbled into the mission, pleading with colleagues to remove two knives that were embedded in his body.

A Bowie-style hunting knife with an eight-inch blade and a smaller, four-inch blade, were in Koteswar's right lower back and right neck, police said. A spokesman for the embassy said Koteswar told embassy officials shortly after the attack that he was on his way to his car in the parking lot behind the building when a man he did not recognize stabbed him without warning or provocation.

O.N. Sheopuri, the embassy's press counselor, said he suspects the assailant is a member of the Universal Revolutionary Proutist Movement, which he said has mailed threatening letters to the embassy.

"We suspect they are carrying out their threats." Sheopuri said, adding that "we have no clues why they would choose him (Koteswar)."

Sheopuri claimed that the revolutionary movement was a "front for the Ananda Marga," which has been described in news reports as an opposition group to the Indian government formerly headed by Indira Gandhi.

"It was no robbery." Sheopurl insisted, recalling similar incidents which he said occurred over the last few months at diplomatic missions in England and in Australia.

"In Australia," Sheopuri recounted, "our military attache was stabbed. A man broke into his house in the dead of night, through a window. The military attache was stabbed. He struggled with the assailant, who then fled. The assailant was subsequently arrested and he confessed to being a member of Ananda Marga." Sheopuri said the military attache recovered from his wounds.

In London, Sheopuri added, another Indian diplomat was stabbed recently, but was "not seriously hurt."

Sheopuri said he believes the attacks and threats constitute terrorist action to obtain the release of the head of Ananda Marga, P.R. Sarkar, who he said is imprisoned in India for "criminal convictions,"

Asked if last night's stabbing would result in incresed security measures at the embassy, Sheopuri replied, "Well, I hope so."



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Self-Immolation By Fire in Manila

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MANILA — A young Swiss woman wearing saffron robes poured gasoline over her body and set herself on fire in front of horrified onlookers in a Manila park Tuesday night, police said.

an, Elizabeth Wegener, 26, but

were unable to save her.

Police said sie was a member of the India based Ananda
Marga religious sect and that
they had found leafle ts in
which she expressed her distress over alleged international

Her protest came 19 days after two American school teachers, identified as Ananda Marge members, were jalled for 17 years by a Philippines court for stabbing an Indian Embassy official here in February.

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Ananda Marga Leader Cleared

NEW DELHI—A high court in eastern India overtruled the 1976 murder conviction of P.R. Sarkar, the imprisoned leader of Ananda Marga, a spiritual and political organization.

The court also cleared four co-defendants, who, with Sarkar, had appealed their conviction of assaspinating six defectors from the cult in 1970.

Ananda Marga was declared illegal three years ago during India's period of emergency rule after acts of violence occurred in support of Sarkar's release. A number of violent incidents directed at Indian diplomats and officials in recent months have also been attributed to Ananda Marga adherents. The sect has denied connection with the incidents.

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Leader of Indian Sector reed From Jail on Bail

By Laurie Daniel

Washington Poss Staff Written.
Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar; leader of the controversial Ananda-Marga Yoga Society, which claims several million members worldwide: has been released on bail from an Indian jail after more than six years of imprisonment on charges connected with the slayings of several of his followers.

Sarkar, 58, was carried out of the jail in Patna, capital of the northeastern state of Bihar, amid a crowd of his followers. The organization, a Hindu revivalist sect combining meditation with social reform, claims to be established in over 70 countries, including the United States, where there are said to be 20,000 members.

Sarka's imprisonment has produced ontroversy in India and abroad. ect members have protested his jailing, saying the evidence was unsubstantiated and claiming Sarkar's any such directive had been issued: rights of due process were denied. Rumors have circulated about Sarkar's alleged mistreatment in the Patna jail.

The sect itself has also been the subject of controversy. Although Sarkar insists Ananda Marga is nonviolent, stabbings and other acts of violence against Indian officials in the Philippines, Australia, and Thailand and Washington have been attributed to followers of Sarkar.

Ananda Marga has denied any involvement in the incidents.

Former members have the charged that Sarkar forced young men and

boys into homosexual acts. Sarkar has been imprisoned since December 1971 on conspiracy charges in the slayings of six of his former disciples. He was acquitted of two of

the charges by the Patna high court la t month and this week was granted ball pending judgment in the remainink cases.

Ananda Marga, which means "path

of bliss," was banned in India during former prime minister Indira Gandhi's 21-month emergency, rule in 1975 and 1976 because the group was viewed as subversive. When Prime Minister Morarji: Desai took power, Ananda Marga and other banned groups were allowed to resume functioning.

Although the sect is no longer outlawed, the Indian government continues to place some restrictions on fi. According to a New Delhi newspaper. report, the government issued a direc-. tive in June, stating that all foreign' nationals who were identified as members of Ananda Marga were to be deported. The Indian Express reported Aug. 1 that all foreign members of the sect who had been identified had been sent out of the country. An Indian Embassy spokeswoman denieds that

Kay Nelson and Mary Toth, both of the Washington area, were deported from India, last, month, and, have charged the Indian government wither physically mistresting them, deprive ing them of their rights to due proceess and refusing to let them contact. the American Embassy.

Nelson and Toth, both Ananda Marga members, had each been in Ihdia for about two months and visited. Pains in an attempt to see Sarker inprison. In Patner they said, three plainciothesmen took them into custody. They were then taken to flew. Delhi under guard, and they claim they were held for nearly four days by authorities without ever being formally arrested: τ^I

. The case is currently under investigation by the United States, according to a State Department official. He said, however, that the Indian government has said Nelson and Toth were treated better than "most" Indian prisioners.

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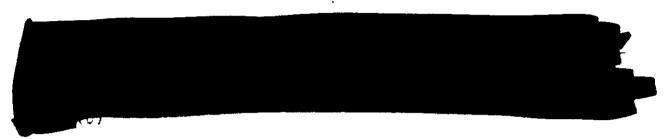
knew of no chapter of the Anand marg in the NY area and had never heard of any of its adherents residing in this area. this also held true for the Universal Proutist Revolutionary Federation. (U)

On 8/3/78, an inquiry was made of an unidentified female at the Ananda Rajnessh Mediation Center, 4th Floor, 101 Fifth Avenue, NYC. She advised that this organization has no connection with the Anand Marg. She recalled having heard this name on only one previous occasion when a female telephonically contacted their office. This female stated that she was from outside NYC and was seeking to locate someone connected with the Anand Marg. (U)

advised that to the best of his knowledge the Anand Marg has neither members nor an organizational structure in the NY area. He recalled that on 10/20/17, a brick was thrown through the window of the Air India Office at 400 Park Avenue, NYC. It was followed by a "Molotov Cocktail" which, fortunatley, did not explode. An investigation by the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) developed no suspects in the NYC area.

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The 8/3/78, issue of the "New York Times" sets forth on page AlO, under a heading, "A Sect Leader in India Is Released in Killings of 6 Former Disciples", the following article:

"New Delhi, Aug. 2 - Probhat Ranjan Sarkar, a former railway clerk who heads a controversial and mysterious Indian religious sect, was released today on bail after nearly seven years imprisonment for the murders of several of his followers".

"The 58 year old Mr. Sarkar, the leader of the internationally known Ananda Marga Yoga Society, was carried out of jail in Patna, captial of the Eastern State of Bihar, in a chair and placed in a car, from which he led a colorful procession of several hundred followers. Mr. Sarkar, who is revered as the Anand Murti, or 'bliss incarnate', by sect emembers, reportedly has grown weak during a fast in prison".

"His jailing provoked violent protests, two suicides by fire and several bombing threats at Indian embassies, as well as many protest marches. The sect, which mixes social-welfare issues with a brand of Hindu revivalism, claims several million members scattered over 37 countries, including 20,000 members in the US. Followers of the secretive sect practice meditation using yoga, and are said to engage in a variety of rites, including worship of human skulls.

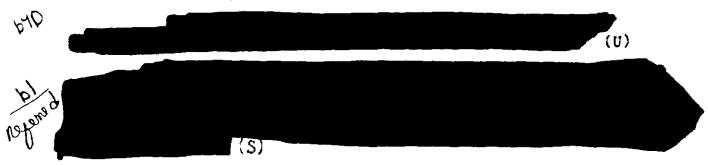
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"Mr. Sarkar was charged with murder and kidnapping in seven cases, in two of which he was acquited last month by the Patna high court. Today, another court granted him bail pending judgement in the remaining cases".

"The secretary of the sect, A.S. Awadhoot, who is also involved in the charges, was released today with Mr. Sarkar. Four other members who were charged have been acquitted."

"Mr. Sarkar, who is called "Baba", or father, was arrested on 12/29/71, by the Government of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, which viewed his sect as subversive. In addition to being charged with killing six former disciples, Mr. Sarkar and his society were accused of espionage and insurgency, and were linked by the Gandhi Government to the United States Central Intelligence Agency. The Government subsequently banned the group".

"Mr. Sarkar, the focus of numerous protests in several cities, including Washington, has contended that his society is non-violent, and is devoted to philosophy, yoga, social and spiritual reform. Former members have charged, however, that the group is involved with sadism and homosexualtiy". (U)



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Indices of the NYO reflect a closed NY file 185-683, entitled, UNIVERSAL PROUTIST REVOLUTIONARY FEDERATION; ATTEMPTED FIREBOMBING OF AIR INDIA OFFICE, 400 PARK AVENUE, NY, NY, 10/20/77", with character, "PFO-SUBVERSIVE, EID-EXTORTION". It is the subject of Bureau file 185-930 and Denver file 100-11898.

Under the same NY file number (185-688), an investigation was conducted under the title, "UNSUB; Stabbing of SILLA KOTESWOR, Attache, Embassy of India, At Embassy Annex, Located at 2536 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W. Washington, D.C., November 28, 1977" with character, "PFO- ASSAULT-CRIMINAL". It is the subject of Bureau file 185-942, Denver file 185-12 and WFO file 185-538.

Investigation in both these matters involves the activities of members of Anand Marg (AM) and Universal Proutist Revolutionary Federation (UPRF) in the US.

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A review of these files reflect that one appeared before a Federal Urand Jury (FGJ) at Washington, D.C.

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He declined to be interviewed by the FBI prior to his testimony before the FGJ. (U)

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A review of these files reflects that an AM chapter exists at Ithaca, NY, with its membership estimated at between 15 and 20 people, most of whom have some connection with Cornell University. Among names of persons involved with this chapter are

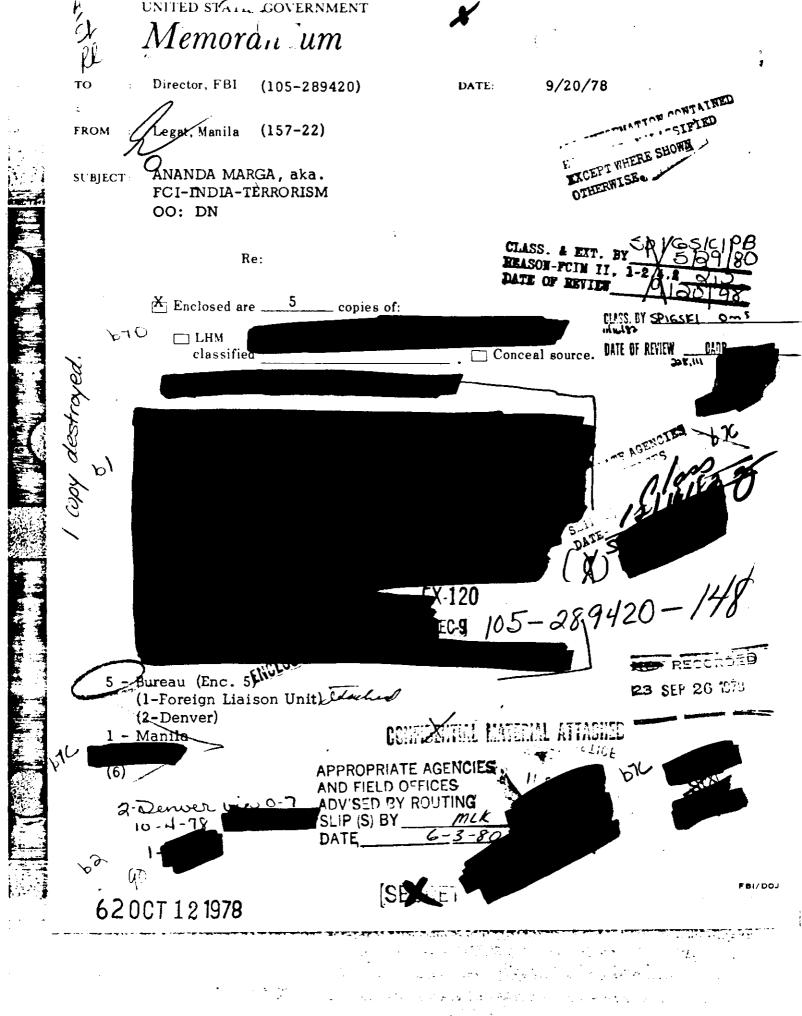
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The preliminary investigation condcuted by the NYO does not seem to indicate that the AM is either a terrorist organization or under the direction of a foreign power as defined in the Attorney General Guidelines. There appears to be no AM chapter in the greater NY area and only one individual who may be suspected as violence prone, namely

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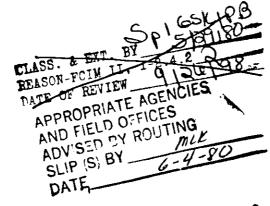
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